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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Kevin S. Dibble, et al.  
Serial No.: 10/017,209  
Filed: December 13, 2001  
Group No.: 2643  
Examiner: Alexander Jamal  
Notice of Allowance Mailed: December 5, 2005  
Confirmation No.: 1173  
Title: **NETWORK INTERFACE DEVICE AND METHOD**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE TO STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.104, Applicants respectfully issue a statement commenting on the Examiner's reasons for allowance. Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's reasons for allowance to the extent that they are inconsistent with applicable case law, statutes, and regulations.

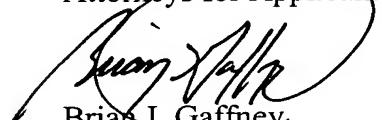
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Furthermore, Applicants do not admit to any characterization or limitation of the claims or to any characterization of a reference by the Examiner, particularly any that are inconsistent with the language of the claims considered in their entirety and including all of their constituent limitations.

Respectfully submitted,  
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